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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/2

SUBJECT : Evaluation of Information on the Draft Exemption Certificate Forwarded by AECOB/7

REFERENCE : Memorandum from Chief, SR/2, to Chief, SR/6, dated 30 April 1958

1. The information in the reference was forwarded to TSS in response to a TSS requirement concerning the possibility of the reissuance of the Soviet Draft Exemption Certificate (SVIDETEL'STVO OB OSVOBOZHDENII OT VOYNSKOY OBYAZANOSTI) also known as the White Ticket (BELYY BILET). The significant portions of the agent's message have been extracted and compared with information on hand:

a. Source states that a few years ago the BELYY BILET was reissued and a more thorough physical examination was given. This information confirms the hunch of an analyst based on a defector report, rather than any definite information on hand. Nevertheless we feel this portion of the message can be evaluated as possibly true.

b. The information concerning the code (RASPIISANIYA BOLEZNEY) for identifying the "sickness" for which one is exempted is known to be correct. The particular order number cited by the source can be evaluated as probably true considering the time it was used.

c. All the information concerning the cover agrees with information on hand.

d. Source states that the document he saw had 4, water-marked, light blue pages. Our information shows the document has 8 numbered pages. We cannot offer any explanation for this apparent discrepancy since the printer's imprint and the edition reported are the same as an exemplar on hand, unless Source meant 4 leaves plus cover which in our nomenclature would be described as 8 pages plus cover.

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e. That the document was printed in one language only (Russian) cannot be evaluated. Heretofore, all military reserve documentation printed for the Baltics has been in two languages, Russian and the language of the respective republic. The absence of any BELYI BILET from the Baltics does not permit us to evaluate this point, but it might be pointed out that a 1955 edition of the VOYENNY BILET (Military Reserve Booklet) recently received from a Latvian source is printed in two languages. The printer's imprint is the same as reported by the source.

f. The serial number AI 082438 cannot be evaluated at this time. The statement that the serial number appears on each page is not confirmed by the document on hand. This has only the two letter prefix on pages following the first page and not the complete serial number. Again we cannot evaluate this apparent discrepancy.

g. The name of the issuing authority agrees with information on hand dated 1948. We have no way of determining if any change has taken place since that time. However, section 4 is the proper section of the military commissariat for issuing the BELYI BILET.

2. Summary: Information concerning the serial number, number of pages, and document languages does not agree with information on hand. However, in order to give these factors an evaluation TSS/ID would have to have a BELYI BILET issued in Latvia at approximately the same time. Such a document is not available. Keeping in mind that the discrepancies can only be tagged as "apparent", nevertheless until proven otherwise TSS considers them open to question.

Unfortunately the question of primary interest to TSS (When did the exchange take place?) was only answered vaguely, "a few years ago". Since the source actually had a document in his hands this information could have been determined by the date of issuance. If the Source can be requested on this point, TSS would appreciate the information. In the event this is possible it might be well to submit the points open to question for confirmation.

C/TSS/ID

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